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TRANSMISSION OF IMAGES

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to commencing examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as set forth below to place the application in condition for allowance.

**In the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 1, with the following:

Figure 1 is an overview of an arrangement for coding and transmitting images. An image 3 of an object is stored in digital form in a digital camera 1, and the image presented on a screen 4. The screen is connected to a computer 2 which is programmed to divide the image 3 into objects or regions, of which a background region R1 and regions of interest R2 and Rn are shown. An image coder 5 in the computer 2 wavelet transforms the image, while simultaneously compressing the image, and generates a compressed bit stream PS1. An operator at the image screen 4 defines the regions of interest R2 and Rn. The image coder includes means for creating a mask PS2 in accordance with the regions and defines separate parts, or segments, of the bit streams with respect